

**TRANSMITTAL OF INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT**  
**(Under 37 CFR 1.97(b) or 1.97(c))**

Docket No.  
**01460048AA**

In Re Application Of: **OKADA et al.**

Application No. <b>10/525,079</b>	Filing Date <b>02/18/2005</b>	Examiner <b>Agustin, Peter Vincent</b>	Customer No. <b>30743</b>	Group Art Unit <b>2627</b>	Confirmation No. <b>5067</b>
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**37 CFR 1.97(b)**

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**37 CFR 1.97(c)**

2. ☒ The Information Disclosure Statement submitted herewith is being filed after the period specified in 37 CFR 1.97(b), provided that the Information Disclosure Statement is filed before the mailing date of a Final Action under 37 CFR 1.113, a Notice of Allowance under 37 CFR 1.311, or an Action that otherwise closes prosecution in the application, and is accompanied by one of:

☒ the statement specified in 37 CFR 1.97(e);

**OR**

☐ the fee set forth in 37 CFR 1.17(p).

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Statement Under 37 CFR 1.97(e)(1)

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Statement Under 37 CFR 1.97(e)(2)

- ☐ No item of information contained in the accompanying Information Disclosure Statement was cited in a communication from a foreign patent office in a counterpart foreign application, and, to the knowledge of the undersigned person, after making reasonable inquiry, no item of information contained in the accompanying Information Disclosure Statement was known to any individual designated in 37 CFR 1.56(c) more than three months prior to the filing of the Information Disclosure Statement.

  
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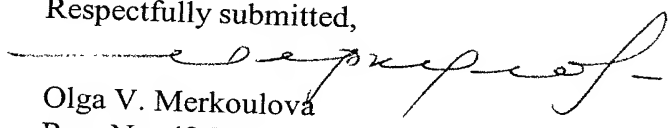
Sir:

Under the provisions of 37 C.F.R. §1.97 through §1.98 and pursuant to applicant's duty of disclosure under 37 C.F.R. §1.56, applicant respectfully brings the following documents, cited in the Office Action issued by the Japanese Patent Office on March 10, 2008, during the prosecution of the corresponding Japanese application, and listed on the attached forms PTO-1449, to the attention of the Examiner in charge of the above-identified application.

This citation does not constitute an admission that the references are relevant or material to the claims. They are only cited as constituting related art of which the applicant is aware.

It is respectfully requested that the listed references be formally made of record in the application. Please charge any deficiencies in fees and credit any overpayment of fees to the Attorney's Deposit Account No. 50-2041 (Whitham, Curtis, Christofferson & Cook, P.C.).

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## **FOREIGN PATENT DOCUMENTS**

	REF	DOCUMENT NUMBER	DATE	COUNTRY	CLASS	SUBCLASS	Translation	
							YES	NO
		<b>JP 2002-304730</b>	<b>18/10/2002</b>	<b>Japan</b>	<b>G11B 7</b>	<b>0045</b>	<b>✓</b>	
		<b>WO 02/29791 A1</b>	<b>11/04/2002</b>	<b>PCT</b>	<b>G11B7</b>	<b>007</b>	<b>✓</b>	

## **OTHER DOCUMENTS**

(Including Author, Title, Date, Pertinent Pages, Etc.)

A copy of an Office Action issued by the Japanese Patent Office on March 10, 2008, with English language translation, pages 1 to 3

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